## DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller



20 September 1965

1. At the morning meeting the Director requested that each Deputy appoint a Planning Officer to update the long-range plan at least once a year. Later in the day I talked with the Director about this matter. I told him that, while I didn't disagree with this approach insofar as it went, I did feel that we had to have a central planning staff which was separated from but closely linked with our budget staff if we are ever to produce a precise Agency plan with all the trade-offs, etc., carefully considered. I also said that it seemed to me that this was an integral part of our efforts to implement fully the President's new Planning-Programming-Budgeting System. The Director agreed with this concept. I told him that I wanted to discuss it with Mr. Helms before taking further action but that I wanted to make sure that he didn't get started on setting up an independent planning staff such as that recommended in the long-range plan. He indicated that he was in wholehearted agreement with my ideas.

2. I briefed Dick Helms on Larry	<u>Houston's re</u>	cent visit to		
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recommended that we undertake to give		intelligence		
briefings from time to time in the same way that we occasionally brief				
members of the press or people from industry where there is a				
Mr. Helms approved and I as	sked Larry H	ouston to mak	e the	
necessary arrangements.				

3. The Director informed me that he had requested Sherman Kent to remain on duty as Chairman of the Board of National Estimates after he becomes eligible for voluntary retirement with full annuity. The length of the extension, however, is indefinite. He asked me to prepare an appropriate paper to Sherm, and I in turn asked the Director of Personnel to draft this for me.

4. I talked with Tracy Barnes about	25X1
Tracy agreed to talk with him this week and to let me	
know the outcome.	

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5. General Jack Davis, Army ACSI, telephoned about

He said that Bill had talked with him about the possibility of obtaining a Brigadier General's mobilization assignment so that his promotion, which has been strongly recommended by General Westmoreland, might be possible. Jack wanted to know whether we would release Bill if mobilization did actually come about. I told him we had crossed this bridge and that, while Bill was a very valuable CIA employee, we would agree to let him go since the rank of Brigadier General meant so much to him. He requested a brief memorandum from me to this effect, and I undertook to comply.

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